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Draft Feasibility Report (FR) and Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Flood Damage Reduction and Related Measures, Swope Park Industrial Area, Blue River Basin, Kansas City, Missouri Released

**Kansas City, Mo. --** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District has released a Draft Feasibility Report (FR) and Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Flood Damage Reduction and Related Measures, Swope Park Industrial Area, Blue River Basin, Kansas City, Missouri.

The recommended action described in the Draft FR/EA, Structural Flood Protection, Alternative #4, consists of a concrete floodwall and earthen levee. The recommended action would accommodate a new locally funded access road that would tie into Manchester Trafficway. The proposed flood reduction measures will provide 100-year/base level flood protection with 90% reliability for the Swope park Industrial Area, which is comprised of approximately 50 acres, near 75<sup>th</sup> Street Terrace and Manchester Trafficway, along the left bank of the Blue River, Kansas City, Missouri. The study was authorized by a Resolution adopted by the Committee on Public works and Transportation, United States House of Representatives on September 19, 1984. The local cost share sponsor for the project is the City of Kansas City, Missouri.

The Draft FR/EA and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344) Public Notice (404 PN) are currently available for public review and comment. Comments on the Draft FR/EA and 404 PN will be accepted until September 9, 2002.

A public information meeting will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2002, beginning at 6:30 p.m., at the Livers Bronze Company, 4231 E. 75<sup>th</sup> Street Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64132.

The Draft FR/EA and 404 PN is available for review during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District's Library, Room 747, at the address listed below. In addition, the Draft FR/EA and 404 PN are also available for review at the following public libraries:

Kansas City Missouri Public Library – Main 311 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64130

Kansas City Missouri Public Library – Southeast Branch 6242 Swope Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64130

Requests for copies of the Draft FR/EA and 404 PN, and comments on the proposed project should be mailed or faxed to:



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## **Draft Feasibility Report (FR) and Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) – Cont)**

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If you require any additional information concerning the flood damage reduction study or the public information meeting, feel free to contact John Grothaus, Chief, Plan Formulation Section at 816-983-3110.